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Substance abuse relapse leads to Seattle osteopathic physician's suspension

OLYMPIA — The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the Washington State Department of Health have immediately suspended the credential of Seattle osteopathic physician Mark A. Scott (OP00001683). Scott's recent relapse into substance abuse makes him unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

The statement of charges says Scott has diverted and abused controlled substances. During a period in 2006 and 2007, Scott prescribed hydrocodone for his spouse and for a friend. He has admitted the prescriptions were written to obtain the drugs for himself. Scott entered a monitoring program around October 2007. Scott was discharged from the monitoring program in late 2010 following his third relapse.

Scott cannot practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the statement of charges.

The statement of charges and summary documents are available online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the Department of Health [home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report the complaint.

The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery regulates osteopathic physicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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